

Section II: REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the changes as noted above in Section I be made to the present application.

In the above-referenced Office Action, Claims 1-2, 5, 11-12, 15 and 22-23 were rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Oran et al (U.S. Patent 5,920,316, hereinafter referred to as "Oran"), claims 3-4 and 13-14 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oran in further view of Wilks et al (U.S. Patent 6,246,407, hereinafter referred to as "Wilks"), claims 6-10 and 16-20 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oran in further view of Ohmori et al (U. S. Patent 6,292,620, hereinafter referred to as "Ohmori"), and claim 21 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oran, without further citation, in view of "official notice" of the teachings of wireless technology. The above noted rejections are respectfully traversed. However, in order to further the prosecution of the present application, and without waiving any of applicant's rights to argue the allowability of the originally presented claims in a subsequent appeal or other proceeding in the event that the Examiner does not concur that the present amendment places the application in condition for allowance, applicant has herein amended the claims to clarify the claimed combinations and place the claims in condition for allowance.

It is noted that the present application includes claims 1-23 with claims 1, 11 and 23 being independent claims, claims 2-10 being ultimately dependent from method claim 1, and claims 12-22 being ultimately dependent from user terminal claim 16. Applicant has herein amended all of the independent claims 1, 11 and 23 to include additional recitations to clearly distinguish claims 1, 11 and 23, as well as the remaining dependent claims 2-10 and 12-

22, which include all of the limitations of one of the independent claims, from the Oran, Wilks and Ohmori references. As herein amended, claims 1-23 are currently believed to be in condition for allowance over the cited references.

More specifically, Oran discloses a taskbar that supplies visual cues, such as buttons, for each application having an active window. The cues inform a user of the currently active windows and may be used to display the active windows. Oran also discloses means by which the taskbar may be re-sized and anchored to different locations on a user terminal display. By contrast, the present invention enables a user to specify entry panel window parameters for an entry panel which is received from a remote server application and which requires the user to input information in order for the remote application to continue. The taskbar of Oran cannot be said to correspond to the entry panel of the present invention since the Oran task bar and the applicant's entry panel have entirely different capabilities and are used for entirely different purposes. The present invention may be applied in an environment where a user is connected through a network to a remote server, for example, a bank server. The bank server site application is coupled to the user terminal and may be one of several applications that are open and running at the user terminal. After a user has selected the bank site application, some processing and verification occurs at the remote server, and this, in addition to network traffic, causes a delay at the user's terminal. Typically, the user will switch to another application in another window to work on while the remote server is processing the user request. In many remote applications, i.e. applications that are coupled to a user terminal from a remote site, the entry of a user identification (ID) number and a password are required to be entered by a user before the remote application is enabled to continue to function.

For example, the bank server needs to know the user's account number before it is able to display the current status of the user's account at the bank. Also, the account information cannot be displayed until a password is entered by the user to insure that only the user has access to this sensitive information. When the remote server is ready to receive the user ID information, an entry panel window is requested to be displayed at the user terminal in order to receive the required user information. If the user is working on another application, the user information input panel from the remote server will not be displayed as the top window and the user will not be aware that input is required. In accordance with the present invention, the user selectively determines how this information entry panel window will be processed at the user terminal when it is received from the remote server. The user may predetermine that entry panel windows will automatically be presented as the top window over any other application that the user may be working on when the request to present the entry panel window is received at the user terminal from the remote server. Other options (Figure 3) for the panel window parameters are also selectable by the user. Oran discloses only a taskbar that may be used to indicate applications that may be running on the user terminal. Oran's taskbar cannot be used to input user ID or password or other information in order to enable the continuance of an application from a remote site as is disclosed in the present application. Further there is no disclosure in Oran to enable a predetermination of processing of entry panel windows that are received from a remote server site.

In order to clarify the above noted distinctions from the Oran reference, the independent claims 1, 11 and 23 have herein been amended to further recite that the request for entry of information into an entry panel window is received from a remote server application and user input into the entry panel window is

required in order to enable the continuance of the remote server application. This newly recited functionality is not disclosed, taught or even suggested by Oran and, as herein amended, independent claims 1, 11 and 23 are therefore submitted to be clearly allowable under 35 USC 102(a) over the Oran reference. Since claims 2 and 5 ultimately depend from and include all of the limitations of independent claim 1, and since claims 12, 15 and 22 ultimately depend from and include all of the limitations of independent claim 11, it is submitted that claims 2, 5, 12, 15 and 22 are also clearly allowable under 35 USC 102(a) over Oran.

With regard to the rejection of claims 3-4 and 13-14 as being unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Oran in view of Wilks, it is noted that Wilks discloses only the use of a translucent window which does not totally obfuscate a user's display of another application. Like Oran, Wilks does not disclose, teach or even suggest that that the request for entry of information into an entry panel window is received from a remote server application, and user input into the entry panel window is required in order to enable the continuance of the remote server application. Thus, with the addition of the above noted language into independent claims 1 and 11, since claims 3-4 and 13-14 ultimately depend from, and include all of the limitations of amended independent claims 1 and 11, respectively, it is submitted that claims 3-4 and 13-14 are now allowable under 35 USC 103(a) over Oran in view of Wilks.

With regard to the rejection of claims 6-10 and 16-20 as being unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Oran in view of Ohmori, it is noted that Ohmori discloses only an ability to edit by associating sounds and video effects with an existing recording on a first track. Applicant does not claim the function of associating sound and/or video to a display as novel. Rather,

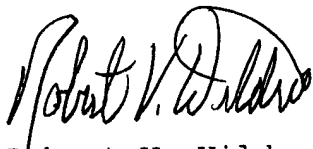
applicant claims the total combination of elements and relationships as specified in amended independent claims 1, 11 and 23. Like Oran and Wilks, Ohmori does not disclose, teach or even suggest that the request for entry of information into an entry panel window is received from a remote server application, and user input into the entry panel window is required in order to enable the continuance of the remote server application. Thus, with the addition of the above noted language into independent claims 1 and 11, since claims 6-10 and 16-20 ultimately depend from, and include all of the limitations of amended independent claims 1 and 11, respectively, it is submitted that claims 6-10 and 16-20 are now allowable under 35 USC 103(a) over Oran in view of Ohmori.

With regard to the rejection of claim 21 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oran in view of "official notice", applicant traverses the application of "official notice" of wireless technology because it is vague and non-specific as it applies to applicant's invention. Further, since claim 21 ultimately depends from and includes all of the limitations of amended independent claim 11, which, as hereinbefore discussed, are not disclosed, taught or even suggested by Oran, it is submitted that claim 21 is now allowable under 35 USC 103(a) over Oran even in view of "official notice" of wireless technology.

The similarity of bits and pieces of the several references as discussed on pages 2-6 of the above referenced Office Action is noted, but it is believed that none of the references discloses, teaches or even suggests the **total combination of elements, and the specific relationships among those elements**, as is clearly recited in the claims of the present application as herein amended.

Thus, it is submitted that claims 1-23, as herein presented, are believed to be in condition for allowance, an early notice of which is hereby requested. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting the allowance of this application, or if the present application is determined to be allowable but for the submission of a Terminal Disclaimer, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below. The Examiner's attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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